

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 40 to 46 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus,  
comprising:

a transmission unit arranged to transmit device attribute information input  
by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception unit arranged to receive, as search results, device information of  
at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by said  
transmission unit;

a first display unit arranged to display icons respectively corresponding to a  
device of the device information received as the search results by said reception unit;

a second display unit arranged to display a map on which hierarchical  
location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is  
displayed; and

a registration unit arranged to register, according to the icon being shifted  
onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the  
hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said  
icon.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a transmitting step of transmitting device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception step of receiving, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by the transmitting step;

a first display step of displaying icons respectively corresponding to a device of the device information received as the search results by the reception step;

a second display step of displaying a map on which hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is displayed; and

a registration step of registering, according to the icon being shifted onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said icon.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium on which are stored program codes for an information processing method, the method comprising the steps of:

a transmitting step of transmitting device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception step of receiving, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by the transmitting step;

a first display step of displaying icons respectively corresponding a device of the device information received as the search results by the reception step;

a second display step of displaying a map on which hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is displayed;  
and

a registration step of registering, according to the icon being shifted onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said icon.

40. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the map is expressive of a layout of a predetermined hierarchy to indicate a setting location of the device.

41. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, further comprising a holding unit adapted to hold respective map data of the plural hierarchies.

42. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said first display unit discriminably displays whether or not the location information has been registered for each device.

43. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein

said first display unit displays the icon of the device, from among the devices, for which the location information has been registered, at a predetermined location on the map, and

said first display unit displays the icon of the device, from among the devices, for which the location information is not registered, at a predetermined location other than on the map.

44. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 43, wherein the predetermined location on the map where the icon of the device is displayed is determined based on the location information of said device.

45. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 43, further comprising a change unit adapted to change, according to the icon displayed at the predetermined location on the map being shifted, the location information of the device corresponding to said icon based on the shifted location on the map.

46. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the device is any one of a printer, a scanner, a copying machine and a facsimile machine.